The MWRA Employees' Retirement System Request for Proposals - Emerging Market Core Equity

The Massachusetts Water Resourse Authority Retirement System (the "System") is accepting proposals from investment firms to manage an **Emerging Markets Core Equity** mandate in a commingled or mutual fund, for the System's ~\$650 million, defined benefit, pension fund. Direct investment funds and fund of funds will be considered for this mandate. Emerging Market Small Cap, Frontier Markets, hedge fund and separate account mandates will not be considered. The System may invest up to \$20 million with the new Emerging Market Core Equity manager(s).

The Board reserves the right to cancel or reject in whole or part any or all proposals in the best interest of the System.

To access the RFP, please visit the NEPC website at www.nepc.com/institutional/investment-managers/.

All proposals must be submitted via email to MWRAsearch@nepc.com by 2:00 pm (EDT) on Friday, June 25, 2021.

Appendix I

OFFEROR MUST COMPLETE A SEPARATE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EACH PROPOSED PRODUCT

eVESTMENT ALLIANCE DATABASE

The Offeror's product and performance data will be analyzed through the use of a third party database currently utilized by our Investment Consultant, New England Pension Consultants. The database is provided by eVestment Alliance, which can be located on the web at: www.eVestmentalliance.com.

Populating the eVestment Alliance database with your firm and product information is essential to the completion of the RFP process. If the database is not fully populated, your firm's response will be considered incomplete and could be grounds for discontinuing consideration of your firm's product for this search.

The eVestment database gathers firm and product data including but not limited to:

- Assets under management;
- Qualitative description of firm and product;
- Investment professionals gained and lost;
- Investment professional tenure, work experience and education;
- Product characteristics;
- Holdings;
- Performance for vehicle recommended;
- Composite description GIPS disclosures.

Please be sure to not leave fields blank. Respond as 0, none, or N/A only when necessary. You will not be contacted by our consultant or the System to fill in missing fields. Use additional comment fields provided to make qualifying notes as applicable.

In the space provided below, please list the name of the product, as it will appear in your entry in the eVestment Alliance database.

Product Name:			

If your firm does not already utilize the eVestment Alliance database, you can participate by sending an email with your contact information to: getmanager@evestmentalliance.com.

A representative from eVestment Alliance will contact you shortly after to establish the firm in the database. There is no charge for supplying data to eVestment Alliance.

After you have provided the information to eVestment Alliance, please email a copy of the information you have provided and return it with your response to the RFP.